

F A L L 2 0 0 1

# ACCENT



## Avila Kicks Off First Varsity Football Season

**Homecoming Activities Include Avila vs. Culver-Stockton Game**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The fall semester with all the excitement that surrounds it is well underway at Avila College. We welcome our new and returning students, faculty and staff.

There are numerous reasons for excitement at Avila today. Consider the stories in this issue: Homecoming October 5-7, the update on Mabee Fieldhouse, alumni news and activities, schedules of our athletic events, and the appointment of our new Vice President of Advancement, Kimberly Hinrichs.

Adding to our enthusiasm at Avila are the continued improvements to our facilities and the prospering of our new and enhanced programs for our students. This is a reflection of our commitment to provide a vibrant atmosphere inside and outside of the classroom.

Avila also continues to have the deserved reputation of making available a quality education in a caring atmosphere. This reputation is the direct result of the efforts of our faculty, staff, distinguished alumni, and donors.

There is another story in this issue of Accent that reports on the upcoming presidential inauguration on September 29, 2001. I hope you can be here to share this day with Avila.

Thank you for your continuing and generous support. It is my pleasure to serve you and Avila College.

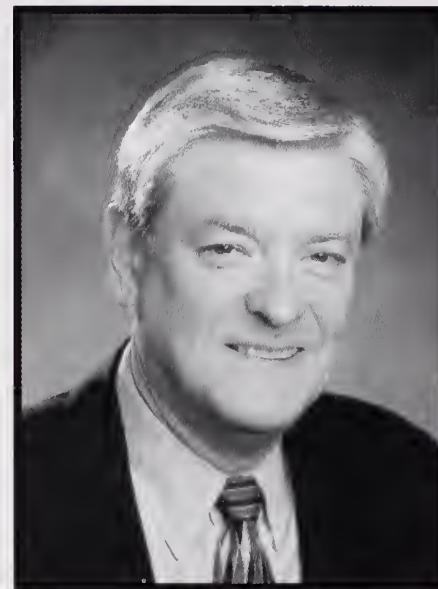
Sincerely,



Thomas F. Gordon, J.D., LL.M.  
President

# You're Invited

## The Presidential Inauguration of Thomas F. Gordon



### Faith in Tomorrow

The inauguration of Thomas F. Gordon, the third President of Avila College, will be celebrated September 29, 2001. You are cordially invited to attend this joyous occasion.

Among those attending the inauguration will be Most Reverend Raymond J. Boland, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese, the Honorable Karen McCarthy, United States House of Representatives, Harry Wiggins of the Missouri Senate, Tom Hoppe of the Missouri House of Representatives, Katheryn J. Shields, County Executive of Jackson County, Missouri, and Alvin Brooks, Mayor Pro Tem of Kansas City, Missouri.

Of course, we would like to have you there to make the day complete. Let us know if you are attending by visiting our web site, [www.Avila.edu](http://www.Avila.edu) or calling the Inauguration Coordinator, Serena Aernie, at 816-501-2450. Dr. Dotty Hamilton, Avila Assistant Professor of Communication, is Chair of the Inaugural Committee. ■

## Schedule of Events

September 29, 2001

Inaugural Mass – 10 A.M.  
Visitation Church, 5141 Main

Inaugural Ceremony – 2 P.M.  
Goppert Theatre on the Avila College campus.

Reception – 3 P.M.  
Whitfield Center on the Avila College campus.

# Inside

Homecoming	4	Avila Goes High Tech	8
Football	5	Golf Classic	9
Sports Schedule	6-7	Alumni News	10
Goppert Theatre	7	Graduation	11
Charitable Gift Annuity	8	Letter from Alumni President	12

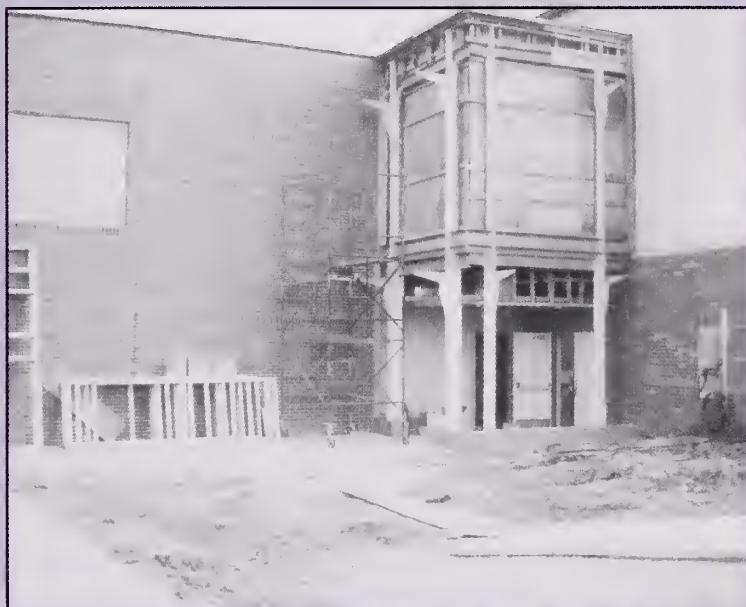
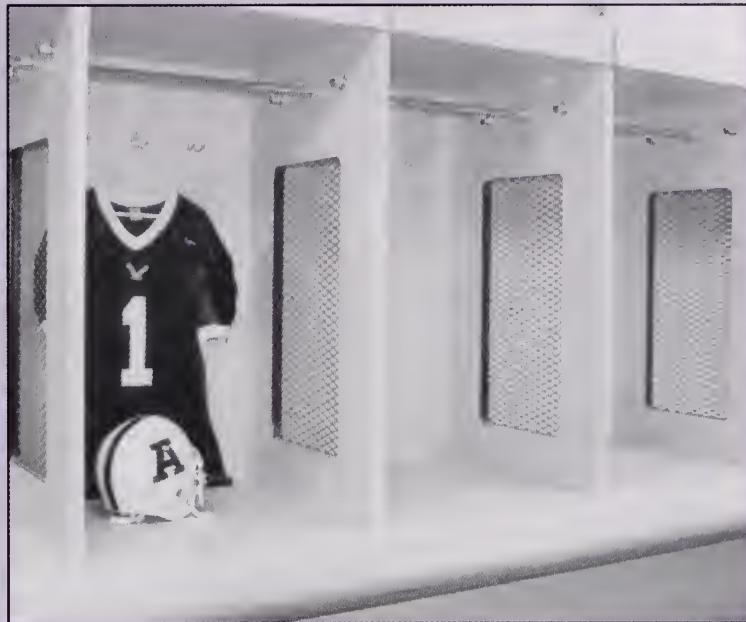
# Mabee Fieldhouse Update

**J**ust in time for homecoming, Mabee Fieldhouse will open its doors for full occupancy in late September. New athletic offices line the East side, a 1,900 square foot weight room graces the West side, and a jogging track — complete with a Mondo surface, specially designed for Olympic Track & Field events — winds its way between the

***Just in time for homecoming,  
Mabee Fieldhouse will open  
its doors for full occupancy  
in late September.***

two. The men's locker room, located on the first floor, sports lockers fit for the NFL or NBA. Whirlpool tubs to soak aching muscles? No problem, the new training room has two.

Stop by and experience the Fieldhouse; notice the new glass-walled corners that improve the natural lighting in the building. Pump up your heart by running on the 3-lane track or get on one of the aerobic exercise machines. Complete your visit by attending an athletic event. Show your spirit by wearing an Avila sweatshirt and cheer your Eagles to Victory! ■



## In addition to the renovations

taking place at Mabee Fieldhouse, other campus hangouts are also getting a new

look. The cafeteria underwent renovations and students can expect to dine in style! Coinciding with the renovations, a new meal plan will also be unveiled. Under the Carte Blanche Plan, students can now have

unlimited visits to the cafeteria! Alums visiting

for Homecoming will also notice all the concrete/asphalt improvements we have made. ■

## Welcome

**T**he Avila College Advancement Department is pleased to announce the appointment of **Kimberly Hinrichs** as the new Vice President for Advancement. Hinrichs is an alumna of the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She came to us from the American Heart Association where she served as Executive Director.



# far-out 2001 Homecoming

## *Things To Dude... .*

### **Friday, October 5, 2001**

12:00 p.m.	Orscheln Chapel
6:00-9:00 p.m.	Thornhill Gallery
6:00 p.m.	Mabee Fieldhouse
8:00 p.m.	Mabee Fieldhouse
8:00 p.m.	Goppert Theatre
9:00 p.m.	South of Mabee Fieldhouse

Heritage Day Mass & Luncheon
Sr. Collette Doering Art Gallery Exhibition
Faculty vs. Staff Competition
Pep Rally
"The Odd Couple"
Bonfire

### **Saturday, October 6, 2001**

9:00 a.m.	St. Teresa's Academy
10:00 a.m.	Dining Hall, Marian Center
11:00 a.m.	Avila Grove
1:00 p.m.	Rockhurst High School
2:00 p.m.	Avila Field
4:00 p.m.	Avila Field
5:00 p.m.	Marian Center
6:30 p.m.	Goppert Theatre
6:30 p.m.	Coaches Bar & Grill
8:00 p.m.	Goppert Theatre
8:00 p.m.	Avila Quad

Chapel Mass, Brunch following (5600 Main)
Hall of Fame Inductions & Breakfast (\$8/person)
Picnic Lunch
Home Football Game vs. Culver Stockton College
Women's Soccer Game vs. Benedictine College
Men's Soccer Game vs. Benedictine College
Honored Class Receptions
(Class Photos Will be Taken) 1951, 1976, 1991
Dinner Theatre (\$25/person)
Alumni Athlete Gathering
Curtain, "The Odd Couple"
Dance for Students, Alumni, Friends, & Family

### **Sunday, October 7, 2001**

9:00 a.m.	Orscheln Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Whitfield Center
11:30 a.m.	Whitfield Center

Mass & Alumni Recognition Ceremony
Continental Breakfast
Presentation of Sr. Marcella's Book of Poems

*Let us know you're going to be there! Fill out and return.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number attending each event.

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- \_\_\_\_ Heritage Day Mass & Luncheon
- \_\_\_\_ Dinner Theatre "The Odd Couple" (\$25)
- \_\_\_\_ "The Odd Couple" (Performance Only)
- \_\_\_\_ Avila College Art Show

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>____ Mass &amp; Brunch</li> <li>____ Hall of Fame Inductions &amp; Breakfast (\$8/person)</li> <li>____ Picnic</li> <li>____ Football Game</li> <li>____ Women's Soccer Game</li> <li>____ Men's Soccer Game</li> <li>____ Campus Tours</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>____ Honored Class Receptions</li> <li>____ Alumni Athlete Gathering</li> <li>____ Dinner Theatre, "The Odd Couple" (\$25)</li> <li>____ "The Odd Couple" (Performance Only)</li> <li>____ Homecoming Dance</li> </ul> |
|---|---|

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

- \_\_\_\_ Homecoming Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony

Mail form to (please include check if attending Dinner Theatre or breakfast):

2001 Far-Out Homecoming • Avila College  
11901 Wornall Road • Kansas City, MO 64145-1698

# Football

The first homecoming football game in Avila College's 85-year history kicks off Saturday, October 6, 2001. Plan to be a part of history in the making.

Coach Tim Johnson will lead his team against Heart of America conference rival Culver Stockton College at 1 p.m. on the Rockhurst High School football field. This is the first year for varsity intercollegiate football at Avila. Last year the Eagles played as a club level squad against junior varsity teams. Those records didn't count. This year the varsity records do count. Avila's talented Spirit Squad also will perform at the homecoming game.

Coach Johnson welcomed 100 players when training camp opened this fall. The squad included 35 returning players and 65 new recruits. Avila now competes in the tough Heart of America Conference whose members, in addition to Avila and Culver Stockton, include Baker University, Benedictine College, Central Methodist College, Evangel College, Graceland University, Lindenwood College, Mid-America Nazarene College, Missouri Valley College and William Jewell College. ■



*plan to be a part of  
history in the making*

# Sports Schedules

## Men's Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
09/08/01	Lindenwood University*	2:00pm	HOME
9/12/01	Ottawa University	2:00pm	Away
9/15/01	Culver-Stockton College*	1:00pm	Away
9/16/01	Briar Cliff College	2:00pm	Away
9/20/01	Tabor College	3:00pm	Away
9/22/01	Morningside College	3:00pm	Away
9/26/01	Baker University*	2:00pm	HOME
9/29/01	Hannibal LeGrange Coll.	1:00pm	HOME
9/30/01	St. Mary College	2:00pm	Away
10/4/01	Missouri Valley College*	1:00pm	Away
10/6/01	Benedictine College*	4:00pm	HOME (Homecoming)
10/11/01	William Jewell College*	1:00pm	HOME
10/14/01	Harris-Stowe State College	3:00pm	Away
10/16/01	Graceland University*	4:00pm	Away
10/22/01	Central Methodist College*	2:00pm	Away
10/24/01	MidAmerica Naz Univ*	3:00pm	HOME

## Women's Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
9/8/01	Harris-Stowe State College	4:00pm	Away
9/9/01	Meramec	1:00pm	HOME
9/12/01	Ottawa University	4:00pm	Away
9/15/01	Culver-Stockton College*	3:00pm	Away
9/19/01	Park University	5:00pm	HOME
9/26/01	Baker University*	4:00pm	HOME
9/29/01	St. Mary College	12:00pm	Away
10/4/01	Missouri Valley College*	3:00pm	Away
10/6/01	Benedictine College*	2:00pm	HOME (Homecoming)
10/11/01	William Jewell College*	3:00pm	HOME
10/13/01	Graceland University*	7:00pm	Away
10/19/01	Newman University	4:00pm	Away
10/24/01	MidAmerica Naz Univ*	1:00pm	HOME
10/27/01	Central Methodist College*	11:00am	Away
10/28/01	Lindenwood University*	1:00pm	HOME

\* Denotes Heart of America Athletic Conference Game  
**Bold faced games denote home games played at Avila College**

## Men's Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
11/08/01	Baptist College	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
11/14/01	Peru State College	7:30pm	Peru, NE
11/16-17/01	St. Mary Classic		
11/16/01	St. Mary College	8:00pm	Leavenworth, KS
11/17/01	Haskell University	4:00pm	Leavenworth, KS
11/20/01	Haskell University	7:30pm	Lawrence, KS
11/25/01	William Penn University	2:00pm	Kansas City, MO
11/29/01	Baker University*	7:30pm	Baldwin, KS
12/01/01	Missouri Valley College*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
12/04/01	Baptist College	7:00pm	Springfield, MO
12/06/01	Evangel University*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
12/08/01	Culver-Stockton College*	3:00pm	Canton, MO
12/15/01	William Penn University	3:00pm	Oskaloosa, IA
12/17/01	Haskell University	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
01/03/02	Benedictine College*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
01/05/02	Graceland University*	4:00pm	Lamoni, IA
01/07/02	Central Methodist Coll.*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
01/12/02	MidAmerica Naz. Univ*	7:30pm	Olathe, KS
01/14/02	William Jewell College*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
01/17/02	Lindenwood University*	7:30pm	St. Charles, MO
01/19/02	Baker University*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
01/22/02	Central College	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
01/24/02	Missouri Valley College*	7:30pm	Marshall, MO
01/26/02	Evangel University*	4:00pm	Springfield, MO
01/28/02	Culver-Stockton College*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
01/31/02	Benedictine College*	7:30pm	Atchison, KS
02/02/02	Graceland University*	4:00pm	Kansas City, MO
02/04/02	Central Methodist Coll*	7:30pm	Fayette, MO
02/06/02	Peru State College	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
02/09/02	MidAmerica Naz. Univ*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO
02/12/02	Central College	7:30pm	MacPherson, KS
02/14/02	William Jewell College*	7:30pm	Liberty, MO
02/16/02	Lindenwood University*	7:30pm	Kansas City, MO

## Women's Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
9/11/01	Central Methodist*	7:00pm	Away
9/18/01	Evangel College*	7:00pm	Home
9/20/01	Lindenwood University*	7:00pm	Away
9/21-22	Bethel Classic	TBA	Away
9/25/01	Missouri Valley College*	7:00pm	Home
9/27/01	MidAmerica Naz Univ*	7:00pm	Home
9/28-29	William Jewell Classic*	TBA	Away
10/4/01	Benedictine College*	7:00pm	Away
10/5-6	St. Mary's Classic	TBA	Away
10/9/01	Culver-Stockton College*	7:00pm	Home
10/12-13	School of Pharmacy Tour	TBA	Away
10/16/01	Graceland University*	7:00pm	Away
10/18/01	MidAmerica Nazarene*	7:00pm	Home
10/23/01	William Jewell College*	7:00pm	Away
10/30/01	Baker University*	7:00pm	Home

## Women's Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
11/06/01	Kansas Wesleyan University	7:00pm	Salina, KS
11/08/01	Baptist Bible College	5:30pm	Home
11/10/01	St. Mary's Omaha	4:00pm	Home
11/15/01	Missouri Baptist College	7:00pm	Home
11/19/01	Kansas Wesleyan College	6:00pm	Home
11/21/01	Haskell University	7:00pm	Lawrence, KS
11/24/01	Harris-Stowe State College	2:00pm	Home
11/29/01	Baker University*	5:30pm	Baldwin, KS
12/01/01	Missouri Valley College*	5:30pm	Home
12/06/01	Evangel University*	5:30pm	Home
12/08/01	Culver-Stockton College*	2:00pm	Canton, MO
12/14/01	Missouri Baptist College	7:00pm	Bolivar, MO
12/15/01	Harris-Stowe State College	2:00pm	St. Louis, MO
01/03/02	Benedictine College*	5:30pm	Home
01/05/02	Graceland University*	2:00pm	Lamoni, IA
01/07/02	Central Methodist College	5:30pm	Home
01/09/02	St. Mary's Omaha	6:00pm	Omaha, NE
01/12/02	MidAmerica Naz Univ*	5:30pm	Olathe, KS
01/14/02	William Jewell College*	5:30pm	Home
01/17/02	Lindenwood University*	5:30pm	St. Charles, MO
01/19/02	Baker University*	5:30pm	Home
01/21/02	Central Christian College	6:00pm	Home
01/24/02	Missouri Valley College*	5:30pm	Marshall, MO
01/26/02	Evangel University*	2pm	Springfield, MO
01/28/02	Culver-Stockton College*	5:30pm	Home
01/31/02	Benedictine College*	5:30pm	Atchison, KS
02/02/02	Graceland University*	5:30pm	Home
02/04/02	Central Methodist College*	5:30pm	Fayette, MO
02/09/02	MidAmerica Naz Univ*	5:30pm	Home
02/11/02	Central Christian College	5:30pm	Moberly, MO
02/14/02	William Jewell College*	5:30pm	Liberty, MO
02/16/02	Lindenwood University*	5:30pm	Home
02/18-2/23	HAAC Tournament		

## Football

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
9/01/01	William Jewell College*	7:00pm	Home
9/08/01	Baker University*	7:00pm	Home
9/15/01	Benedictine College*	2:00pm	Away
9/29/01	Central Methodist*	7:00pm	Home
10/06/01	Culver-Stockton College*	1:30pm	Home (Homecoming)
10/13/01	Lindenwood University*	1:30pm	Away
10/20/01	Evangel University*	1:30pm	Away
10/27/01	Graceland University*	1:30pm	Home
11/03/01	Missouri Valley College*	7:00pm	Away
11/10/01	MidAmerica Naz Univ*	1:30pm	Away

\* Denotes Heart of America Athletic Conference Game  
**Bold faced games denote home games played at Rockhurst High School**

# Goppert Theatre

After experiencing their maiden show, first time theatre-goers leave knowing what season ticket holders have known along – Goppert Theatre offers first-rate productions that rival any others in town. This year will continue the tradition with four outstanding shows to please even the most discerning theatre patron. Goppert Theatre productions showcase the talents of our students either in BFA Acting, Directing, or Technical Theater.

### The 2001-02 Season Schedule

**Neil Simon's**  
**The Odd Couple**  
 October 4 • 8 P.M.  
 Dinner Theatre • October 5, 6 • 8 P.M.  
 Matinee • October 7 • 2 P.M.

\* Dinner Theatre precedes evening performances on October 5 & 6.



**Shakespeare's**  
**Henry IV, Part I**  
 November 15, 16, 17 • 8 P.M.  
 Matinee • November 18 • 2 P.M.



**Diane Samuels'**  
**Kindertransport**  
 February 28, March 1, 2 • 8 P.M.  
 Matinee • March 3 • 2 P.M.



**Rodger's & Hammerstein's**  
**South Pacific**

April 25, 26, 27 • 8 P.M.  
 Matinee • April 28 • 2 P.M.

**Please call  
 (816) 501-3699  
 for reservations.**

\*Additional charge for dinner

# The Charitable Gift Annuity — An Alternative to Falling Interest Rates and A Volatile Stock Market

The Charitable Gift Annuity can be an attractive alternative to falling interest rates and a declining stock market.

If lower interest rates and a declining equity and bond market are having a negative impact on your retirement income, the Charitable Gift Annuity can provide you a higher rate of return. You may want to consider converting your CD funds or part of your investment portfolio to a Charitable Gift Annuity with Avila College. The payout rate will range from 7% for a person in their 60s upwards to 12% for a person age 90.

The Charitable Gift Annuity will provide you a guaranteed fixed income for life, regardless of current investment or market fluctuations. Tax advantages include a charitable income tax deduction and reduction of capital gains taxes, if appreciated assets are used to fund your annuity.

The Charitable Gift Annuity will also provide relief from management responsibilities of assets, reduce future federal estate taxes, and most importantly, it will provide perpetual recognition for a gift to Avila College, while providing future support for Avila students.

This information is not intended to supplant the counsel of your tax and estate planning advisers with whom any significant gift should be discussed. Individual projections will be provided by Avila's Director of Planned Giving on income and tax benefits of a charitable gift annuity at no cost or obligation to the donor.

For more information, contact G. Richard Scott, (816) 501-3727. ■

## Avila Goes High Tech

Avila starts off the 2001 school year with dozens of new Dell 933 Mhz PCs, Macintosh G3s, laptops, and wireless classroom capabilities. Computers are popping up all over campus, in the library, offices, and the new PC and Mac labs.

Thanks to a matching grant from DST Systems and the Steer Dinner donations, Avila is the first college in the area to have a wireless classroom.

Wireless technology provides an unlimited number of network hookups in any classroom without the aesthetic inconvenience of wires or the enormous expense of installing the wire.

Wireless classrooms have the potential to revolutionize the way we teach. For instance, students majoring in our new Computer Science degree program, will be able to benefit from the instructor's ability to demonstrate coding, program execution, and graphical interface construction by using a laptop and a wireless connection.

Math, science, even humanities will find uses for a wireless classroom. Imagine the ability to display musical manuscripts, play an audio clip from a symphony while simultaneously showing the score!

For those who favor Mac over PC, the new Mac lab in Dallavis looks like something out of Star Wars. Dozens of Blueberry and Frost G3s are outfitted with Zip Drives, CD/DVD players, scanners, and printers.

With 933 Mhz and G3 speeds, and wireless classroom capabilities, Avila provides students, faculty, and staff state-of-the-art computer technology. ■



*Wireless technology provides an unlimited number of network hookups in any classroom without the aesthetic inconvenience of wires or the enormous expense of installing the wire.*

# 2001 Avila College Golf Classic

## HOT! HOT! HOT!

Ninety-five degree weather could not stop over a hundred golfers from teeing off at the beautiful Loch Lloyd Country Club golf course, July 17. The annual Golf Classic raises scholarship funds for students at Avila College. This year the Golf Classic raised \$27,050 – 35% more than last year! Superior Lexus made the competition even hotter by offering a new car for the first hole-in-one. Lunch was provided by Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque. After dinner, golfers bid on items, including a trip to LaQuinta, California to play in the Lexus Championships for Charity tournament, courtesy of Superior Lexus.

### Special thanks to:

Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque, Superior Lexus, C-BIZ/Robert D. O'Byrne & Associates, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., County Beverage, Dickinson Foundation, Gallagher Royal, Quality Roofing, Sodexho Services, Dessinger Insurance Services, Humana, Chubby's Restaurant, Marge Roche and Associates, Otis Elevator, Serena Aernie, Avila College Alumni Association, Avila College Booster Club, Cactus Grill, Hallbrook Country Club, Jerry's Sport Shop, Kansas City Royals, Loch Lloyd Country Club, Lutz Business Services, PB & J Restaurants, Steve & Chris Sirridge, Superior Lexus, The Fairmont Hotel, The Kelly Gallery, and Tom Watson. ■



### Dedicated Volunteers

Some of the volunteers present were (f-row) Belinda Troxler '88, Mary Loftus O'Neil '78, Charlene Gould, Kathryn Dierks '43, (2nd row) Karen Jannaman, Serena Aernie, Karl Yehle, Sue Swartz, Carol Jean DeFeo '68, (3rd row) Morten Klinke, Eric Schroer '97, G. Richard Scott, and Dave Gebauer.



### First Place Team - First Flight

Long-time supporters of Avila Golf Classic are Moe Ryan, Chris Sirridge, O.W. Hutton, and Steve Sirridge, Ph.D.



### First Place Team - Second Flight

Dana Shreeve, MBA student, Nick Totta, Head Men's Basketball Coach, Cecil Lane, and Alan Lane.



Tom Gordon, President of Avila College, being presented with a check for \$1,000 from Phil Humbert of Superior Lexus, tournament sponsor.

# Alumni U P D A T E

## ENGAGEMENTS

Florence Mason of Kansas City announces the engagement of her daughter, Maureen Susan Menninger of Kansas City, to Duston Lynn Burnett.

Cheryl Cook of Kirksville, MO., announces the engagement of her daughter, Nikki Renee Cook to David Tonnies III of Kansas City, MO.

## HONORS

Rosemary Riordan, who has taken art to a higher level, was honored as a 2001 Kansas Master Teacher of the Year. Rosemary has a Masters degree from Avila College.

## DEATHS

Tracy Gail Llamas (Weber), passed away June 4, 2001, in Bolivar, MO. Tracy was pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing at Avila College.

Eileen Alanna "Bebe" Murphy, died Wednesday, July 26, 2001, at Speciality Hospital of Mid America, Overland Park, KS. She graduated from St. Teresa Academy and Avila College. Following college, she taught art classes at St. Teresa Academy.

Juanita Rose Perez died Thursday, April 12, 2001. Juanita earned a Bachelor degree in Nursing from Avila College and later got her Masters from UMKC.

Robin Lynne Pounds, of Greenwood, died March 6, 2001, at her home from natural causes.

Sister Margaret Reinhart, CSJ, died May 29, 2001, at St. Anthony Medical Center, St. Louis, MO. Sr. Reinhart taught art at Avila College until her retirement in 1973.

Nancy E. Sparks of Sugar Creek, MO, passed away May 30, 2001, at her home.

Leon Dreiling Werth of Leawood, KS, died May 30, 2001, at the Villa Saint Joseph Nursing Center.

In the Spring, 2001 Accent, we featured the story *Geraldine Carrigan '49 – A Future Avila Saint?* After that issue, we received the following letter from Geraldine's sisters, Marilyn Carrigan Fennesy and Regina "Jean" Carrigan Howard.

Geraldine Carrigan's sisters and other alums appreciate Denise Bradshaw's article in Accent's Spring 2001 issue. We're adding our own two cents.

In 1976, when Geraldine was editing Catholic Crosswinds, Pueblo diocesan newspaper, she bought a house near the cathedral. At that time, our uncle, Rev. George T. Andrews S.J., was approaching "active retirement." Uncle and niece opened Abba House of Prayer. It stayed open for 25 years.

In 1978, Bishop Charles Buswell named Abba House, the Catholic Charismatic Center of the Pueblo diocese. For several years, Geraldine also served nationally as a member of the advisory board of Catholic Charismatic Renewal's National Service Committee.

Uncle George directed Abba House for its first ten years, Geraldine for its last fifteen. Uncle George died on Ash Wednesday, 1986. Geraldine on March 18, 2000.

About 1949, Bishop Pierre-Marie Theas of Lourdes-Tarbes, France, spoke at the College of St. Teresa. A translator said that the rosy-cheeked bishop came to "bring Mary's smile."

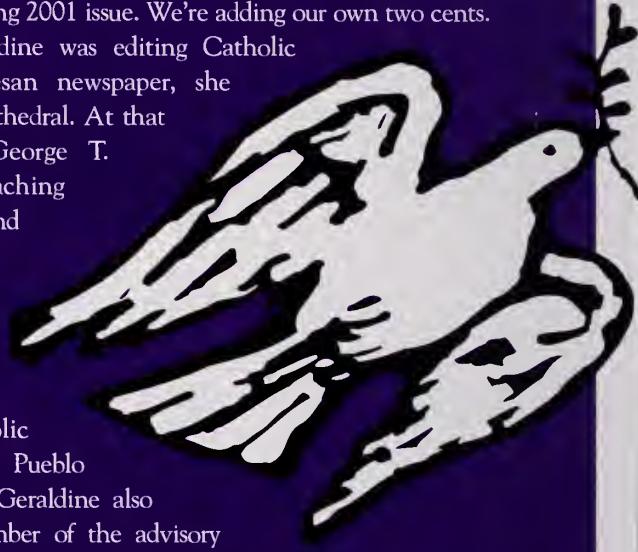
After the talk, Geraldine asked Bishop Theas, in French, if the students could have a "conge" (holiday) in his honor. He turned to Mother Marietta Jennings CSJ, college president, and asked her. She looked puzzled. We weren't sure how well she understood French, but she smiled and said, "Oui." We told the other students and made a quick getaway.

In 1952, with encouragement from Archbishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Geraldine went to Lourdes, made friends at the Auxilium and spoke with Bishop Theas. This time, she asked if she could translate his book, "Only Through These Hands," from French to English. His book was on the role of bishops as successors to the apostles. He agreed and also recalled his visit to CST and the "conge."

We are grateful that Geraldine shared her faith, talents, and laughter with us. She even shared her dresses.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Carrigan Fennesy  
Regina "Jean" Carrigan Howard



# Graduation

Two hundred and twenty-eight graduates walked across the stage May 12, 2001, to proudly receive their diplomas from Avila College. The commencement address was given by Kathleen W. Andrews, Former Avila College Trustee and Vice Chairperson and CEO of Andrews McMeel Universal.



## In Other News...

On June 21, 2001, Norm Dexter received the Outstanding Educator Award from the Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education (MAACCE). Norm received this recognition at the annual MAACCE conference.

Clarence M. Kelley and Associates appoints Paul G. Williams '78, '82, CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) to Investigative Unit. Paul will focus on misappropriation and internal theft cases.

He joined the company in 1999 after serving 25 years in the Kansas City, MO., Police Department, most recently as detective and supervisor in the narcotics division and the fraud and forgery sections. Paul received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Psychology from Avila College.



Avila College President, Tom Gordon, makes his film debut in "The U.S. Congress and You," a video produced by the Committee For Citizen Awareness out of Washington, D.C. Mr. Gordon joins Congresswoman Karen McCarthy in the video that explains how congress works and encouraging viewers to vote. The video is distributed to every public and private high school, community and junior colleges, cable television stations, select Chambers of Commerce, and public libraries in the 5th Congressional District of Missouri.



President Tom Gordon (right) and cinematographer Tim Lamar review video shot on the Avila campus

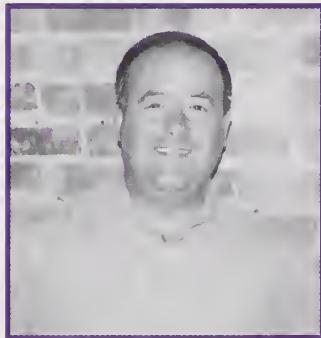
# LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

## Greetings

I am honored to have the opportunity to write to you and share some exciting news. On July 24, the 2001-2002 Alumni Board of Directors held its first meeting of the year. The level of participation, both in physical attendance and in enthusiasm, was incredible. This year's Board is motivated, and committed to raise the bar for the alums and the greater college community. Leadership by example will be a motto that we not only speak, but exemplify.

I hope that you share my sentiment that all of us have been enriched by our years on campus.

Yet we need to realize that the richness of the Avila experience does not stop at graduation. On the contrary, each passing year affords us the priceless benefit of revisiting memories and the opportunity to create new ones. This brings me to a point of making a special



request of you. Please make the effort and take the time to be more involved in Avila life. Attending Avila events, whether on or off campus, with fellow alums, other friends, and your family is rewarding. There is a direct correlation between the number of alums that attend an event and the benefit that each person realizes. Participation is paramount, and I do want to see you often throughout the year.

I hope you will consider joining us Homecoming weekend, October 5-7. I want to highlight Alumni Night at Goppert Dinner Theatre on Saturday evening, October 6. Please refer to your homecoming invitation for details on this and other fun happenings.

Thank you for your indulgence. I hope that you will not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Greg Lever

## Alumni E V E N T S Calendar

September 17 .....Mariachi Concert at Gappert Theatre • 7pm

October 5-7 .....Homecoming Weekend

December 9 .....Christmas & Carols • 4pm

January 19, 2002 .....Alumni Night at Basketball • 5:30 pm

March 9, 2002 .....Avila College Steer Dinner, Fairmont Hotel • 6:30 pm



**Join us for a very special sale of unique, hard-to-find items at Belinda Troxler's home,  
Oct. 17-18, at 8721 Catalina, Leawood, Kansas. Portions of proceeds benefit Avila College.**



11901 Wornall Road  
Kansas City, MO 64145-1698

Nonprofit  
U.S. Postage

**PAID**

Jefferson City, MO  
Permit No. 210